Construction of Sub-post office building at Dungri in Gujarat

1048. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether land has been acquired for construction of Sub-post office building at Dungri in Valsad district of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of planning to construct the building; and

(c) the time limit of constructing the building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Construction of Post Office buildings is taken up as per the availability of funds. Due to limited resources available, there is no immediate plan to construct the building at Dungri plot.

Losses of DoP

1049. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts (DoP) has managed less than a billion dollar (Rs. 4,500 crore) in revenue during 2004-05 and its losses are mounting every year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the DoP revenue are stagnating while its private competitors such as Blue Dart, First Flight and Overnite Express are growing in leaps and bounds; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to bring down the mounting losses of DoP and to increase its revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) It is fact that the Department of Posts has managed revenue of Rs. 4431.85 crores during 2004-05 which is less than a billion dollar (Rs. 4500 crores). The losses/deficit of the Department for the last five years are as under: